

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Hills Ferry Road Bridge Geotechnical Test Project (Amendment and Extension of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2016-0212-R4)

Project Location (include county): The Project will occur in the San Joaquin River at the Merced River confluence, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Newman, Stanislaus County, California; Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 9 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Gustine, MDB & M; Latitude 37°20'57.84"N, Longitude 120°97'55.00"W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed and Amendment and Extension to the Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2016-0212-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Stanislaus County, Department of Public Works.

The Project involves activities related to geotechnical drilling in the San Joaquin River for the collection of data to be used in the design phase of the retrofit for the Hills Ferry Road Bridge. The Agreement term is extended through June 14, 2021. The Agreement is amended to include four geotechnical testing boring holes into the channel bed of the San Joaquin River to a depth of approximately 200 feet below the channel bottom. No trees or vegetation will be removed or trimmed as a result of the Project implementation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Stanislaus County, Department of Public Works

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves activities related to basic data collection and will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2016-0212-R4.

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